Sunday. 159

This is merely to ask whether there's any chance that Clive wants a cook? Lottie is again out of a place, through no fault of hers she swears, & is quartered upon us. So I said I'd ask you.

London pullulates with hotels, & is incredibly horrible at the moment.

That all. One day perhaps we may meet, but not I daresay for many months B.

July 1931

157

Thursday,

I'm afraid I cant manage to come tomorrow because I've got into such a muddle that I must take a day off in order to deal with it somehow.

But I want to lay this question before your wisdom. Do you really think this worth while for me to go on sitting? I'm quite prepared, as I said, to sit until we go away, but I have a feeling that the bust won't conceivably be finished by then, & that the question of further sittings in the autumn will arise. Now that I've tried it for four days I see that it would be sheer idiocy on my part to pretend that I can do this. I don't believe sitting regularly is possible in London, leading the life I lead, & simply can involve both painter & sitter in endless difficulties & a general rush & scramble & chaos & horror. This being so, it seems rather a waste of all our time to go on. Even these next few days,

which are very full for both you & me.
However, as I say I'm ready to come on
Monday (we go to the waterlows on
Saturday) if you think on [illegible] consideration
that it is worth it. of course the
boat may be on the brink of completion —
I only want because I don't want to
want all over time if it should be a
want: I mean if further things in the autumn should
be necessary.

Here are the measurements of the
fireplace. Please understand that
I've communicated this & charge me not
particular price but those that befit
mature & well grounded citizen. We
bought a camera today, in the modest
weldest fashion, & now they say my
Kodak can be made perfect for 5/—
Would you accept it — I'm sure it
is curable, so there not much virtue in
the other. B.

NYPL

HAMILL 2/10/60

160

F31

Monks House
Wednesday

September cheque inclosed.

Nelly Cecil has written to ask if
we can go there before Sept. 17th —
bringing Louie — who is I suppose a
form of Angelica — What am I to say?
Or she suggests coming here, but I
think it would be better to go
there. Let me know.

VB.

The stuff has come & the covers are
being made.

1931

Thursday 16/

Yes I'm glad to find you have some relics of
Common Sense. Still knocking about in your
distracted head. I don't know what to say
about the files – I'm getting attached to
them, but think perhaps the proportions are
wrong. What did Duncan think? He was
found looking at them. We can write when
we meet. Will you bring the children to
tea on Sunday, & ask as many grown ups
come as like, & play bowls? We're off to

Landau tomorrow I've arranged with Jerge.
For! — what a crowd we line in! — even?
who dont let friends sleep, if I can help it.
I hope Sofie & John are gone. I'm seriously
thinking of buying a house in Dorset as
Cumberland — theyre going to build endless
villas here. And then retire, & have
Week, & Xmas & Anglica ever again.
But I shall expect you to
Sunday tea — Hasta B.

NYPL

HAMILL 2/10/68

(1931?) 162

1) to Anglican Men account

2) please send me bill for tiles.

Aug/Sept 31

Friday. 163

I can't conceive what the bell is for — Their robbery I expect. I had two bells & paid them last December, & Maynard was long ago robbed. Unless you or Duncan can throw some light, I don't know what to do — It seems hopeless to check it. What a jolly! Here's a letter from Gorge - still unanswered. We should like to come to tea on Sunday very much - It's too hot for anything but the garden, & the bees & their swarm & the Keepers are just arriving for tea & we had tea & the boys for breakfast & Worthing hours. So I should like a sight of Dolphin & some young creatures to restore my balance VB.